उत्तर प्रदेश के भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को कैंटीन सुविधा

3376. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को कैन्टीन सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी कैन्टीनें किन-किन स्थानों पर उपलब्ध कराई गई हैं और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन०वी०एन० सोमु): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को 18 कैंटीनों जोकि सभी ग्राहकों को कैन्टीन स्टोर विभाग का सामान बेचती हैं और 6 कैन्टीनों, जो कि केवल भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के लिए हैं, के एक नेटवर्क के माध्यम से कैन्टीन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई जा रही हैं जिसका ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है। (नीचे देखिए) दूर-दराज के क्षेत्रों में भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के घरों के आस-पास खोले जाने वाले चिकित्सा शिविरों में भी कैंटीन सामान उपलब्ध कराया जाता है।

विवरण

जिला	कैंटीनों की अवस्थिति
1. अल्मोड़ा	अल्मोड़ा, चौबटिया, घिंघरीवाल
2. उत्तरकाशी	हरसिल
3. नैनीताल	नैनीताल, हलद्वानी, कमोला
4. पीलीभीत	चरमा, धारचूला, चम्पावल, नरेन्द्र नगर
5. पौड़ी	लैंसडौन, कोटद्वार
6. चमोली	गौचर, जोशीमठ, रुद्रप्रयाग
7. देहरादून	देहरादून, रायवाला

उन कैंटीनों की अवस्थिति जो केवल भूतपर्व सैनिकों के लिए खोली गई हैं

1. पौड़ी
2. बोगेश्वर
3. थालीसैंण
4. चौखुटिया
5. कर्ण प्रयाग
6. टेहरी

Fixing norms for military jawans

3377. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of military jawans required in the country as per norms fixed in this regard and the representation of various States in the military at present;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme to minimise the gap between their requirement and availability;

(c) whether military jawans are required to protect the boundaries of the country as well as to assist during the domestic emergencies;

(d) if so, Government's policy in this direction; and

(e) the number of Training Centres in Gujarat for imparting training to military jawans and whether there is any proposal to open new training centres in the State during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) The number of Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks authorised in the Army as on 31 December, 1996 is 10,45,560. Details of statewise representation are not maintained.

There is no problem in recruitment of Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks in the Indian Army. Adequate number of recruits are presently under training.

The Militry Jawans are statutorily required to protect the boundaries of the country as well as to assist the civil authorities during internal security disturbances with the approval of the Government.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineering School located at Vadodara in Gujarat imparts Technical Training to Officers, Junior Commissioned officers and Jawans of the Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineering. There is no other training centres in the State of Gujarat. There is no proposal for a new training centre in the State.

Revamping Rajya Sainik Boards

3378. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Account books of some retired Army Officers which were in the custody of Rajya Sainik Board in Delhi have gone missing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to revamp the Sainik Boards and the details of action taken against responsible for such dislocation; and

(d) whether similar complaints have also been received against Sainik Boards of other States, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) Government of National Territory of Delhi, who exercise administrative control over Rajya Sainik Board, Delhi, have informed that 35 Post office Pass Books concerning security deposits made by the ex-Serviceman for the release of surplus vehicles of Army, under self-employment scheme, had been found missing from the office of the Board in the month of September-October, 1994. The matter has been reported to the police authorities. Rajya Sainik Board has taken necessary steps to account for all the Pass Books and keeping them under safe custody.

No such incident of missing Post office Pass Books has been reported by any other Rajya Sainik Board.

Allocation of funds to the cantonments in Madhya Pradesh for development works

3379. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds made available to various cantonments for development works in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by Govrnment to solve the problem of supply of water and electricity in these cantonments; and

(c) Government's schemes to make these Boards effective to enable them to provide better facilities to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) There are five Cantonment Boards in Madhya Pradesh viz. Jabalpur, Mhow, Morar; Pachamarhi and Saugor. Out of these, Jabalpur and Morar Cantonment Boards are self sufficient. The amount provided by the Government by way of grant-in-aid during the last three years to the other Cantonment Boards in Madhya Pradesh to meet their normal expenditure including expenditure for development work is as under:—

Year	Amount of Grants-in-aid (Rs. in lakhs)		
	Mhow	Pach-marhi	Saugor
1994-95	55.00	23.00	18.00
1995-96	125.00	17.28	10.00
1996-97	40.00	15.00	25.00

(b) The Cantonment Boards being statutory bodies governed under the provisions of the Cantonments Act, 1924 undertake development works like roads, drains, water supply etc. from their own resources. Central Government provides only financial assistance to them by way of special grants wherever needed in the case of deficit Boards. Service charges